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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 2-9, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Published European Patent Documents EP 0899563 and EP 090941, International Publication ~~WO 79/47962~~ WO 97/47962, and Published, Non-Prosecuted German Patent Application DE 198 31 424 also disclose sensors for determining the concentration of components of exhaust gases, in particular for determining one or more of the gases NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, H<sub>2</sub> and preferably nonsaturated hydrocarbons. These sensors are used to optimize combustion reactions and to detect component malfunctions. --